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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION FROM PETROL TAX

REF: CANBERRA 4398

1. DEPARTMENT AND NASA STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT PETROL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION BE PRESSED AT HIGHER LEVELS.

2. BELIEVE CASE AS STATED REFTEL ACCURATE . HOWEVER, AS A FALL-BACK, AN ARGUMENT CAN BE MADE THAT SINCE EXCISE TAX IN THIS CASE MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS A SALES TAX IT COMES WITHIN THE EXEMPTION CONTAINED IN PARA 9 (2).

3. PER NASA RECORDS, NASA HAS PROBABLY PAID MORE THAN
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HALF-MILLION DOLLARS IN AUSTRALIAN PETROL EXCISE TAX SINCE BEGINNING OF OPERATIONS THERE. HOWEVER, FORMAL PROCEDURES FOR CONTROL OF PETROL WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 AND RECOVERY OF TAXES PAID PRIOR TO THAT TIME IS THEREFORE DOUBTFUL.

4. BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 AND MAY 31, 1978, NASA PAID

DOLLARS A107,653 IN PETROL TAX (APPROX. DOLLARS 122,000 US).
APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS A30,000 PER YEAR WILL BE PAID IN
FUTURE UNLESS REMEDIES ARE SOUGHT.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY KEEP DEPARTMENT AND NASA INFORMED
OF DISCUSSIONS AND ESTIMATE LIKELIHOOD OF POSITIVE
RESOLUTION. IF IN POST'S JUDGMENT PRESSURE AT THIS
TIME WOULD ONLY RESULT IN NEGATIVE STANCE, PLEASE
ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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